



COMMUNITY POLICE REVIEW COMMISSION



MONTHLY REPORT

By

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INTRODUCTION:

The monthly reports are a compilation of a number of factors that make up the activity of the Community Police Review Commission (CPRC) for the given month. Because the Commission is in its formative stages, the format for this report may change from month to month until we achieve a product with which we are comfortable. At the end of the year our annual report will put the information gathered in the monthly reports in a yearly perspective.

The May meeting was marked by two controversial agenda topics. First was the proposal that the Commission investigate incidents where police officers are shot or injured by members of the public. The proposal was placed on the agenda at the request of Commissioner Huerta who thought that the Commission should make its wishes known. After hearing from members of the public and considerable discussion by the commissioners, the Commission voted 6 to 1 with one abstention (there was one commissioner absent) to not consider a motion on the proposal.

The second agenda topic that generated much discussion was the proposed changes to the Policies and Procedures. The proposals by the commissioners and public were noted and will be forwarded to Commissioner Brewer's Policy and Procedure Committee.

CPRC POLICIES AND PROCEDURES:

During the May meeting, the public and the commissioners were given a second opportunity to comment on the proposed CPRC By-Laws and Policies and Procedures. The Policy and Procedure committee chaired by Commissioner Brewer will meet to discuss the proposed changes and report back in June.

OUTREACH:

Community outreach continued at a steady pace with the Executive Director and various Commissioners attending a total of 15 community meetings and events. Meetings and events attended were: Mayor's Night Out, Good Morning Riverside, Downtown Chamber of Commerce, Heritage Square Neighborhood Association, A.S.P.A. Conference, RPD Command Staff Meeting, Coalition for Common Ground "Cops and Clergy Network Meeting," Casa Blanca Action Inter-Police Relations Committee, and Casa Blanca Community Action Group, Board and Commissions Reception, Mental Health Volunteer Awards Dinner, Public Defenders' Office – GED Initiative, Peace Officers Memorial Service, California Baptist – Organizing Pastors, UCR-Inland Empire African American Chamber of Commerce.

Meetings that are attended by commissioners in a capacity other than as commissioners for the CPRC are not listed in this report.

WORKLOAD:**Cases Received**

	Lodged*	Filed/CPRC	Filed/P.D.
May 01	1	2	18

* A complaint is considered Lodged when a citizen makes the complaint to the CPRC and is filed when they actually submit the completed complaint form.

Case Dispositions

	Cases Reviewed	Inquiries	Administratively Closed **
May 01	7	0	2

** Complainants are given 30 days to return the paperwork before a closure letter is sent. The closure letter advises the complainants that the case will be re-opened if they submit the completed paperwork before the 6-month deadline.

Allegations

	U/F	Disc/SH	IDF	ISS	FA	FR	CC	MC
May 01	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	19

U/F = Use of Force, Disc/SH = Discrimination/Sexual Harassment, IDF = Improper Discharge of Firearms, ISS = Illegal Search or Seizure, FA = False Arrest, FR = False Reporting, CC = Criminal Conduct, MC = Misconduct

Findings

	Unfounded	Exonerated	Not Sustained	Sustained	Misconduct Noted
May 01	10	7	4	0	0

Referrals

	Personnel Complaints	Service Complaints
May 01	0	1

Policy Recommendations

There were 3 policy recommendations made by the Commission for the month of May 2001. The Commission recommends that:

- Supervisors directly involved in an action under question not be assigned as the investigator and that supervisors review the policy regarding the timeliness of Administrative Investigations.
- The revision of Policy 4.14 be completed and that victims of auto theft be given a reasonable opportunity to make their own towing/storage arrangements.
- A report be written in all cases where child abuse or neglect are alleged.